

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An automated billing type information providing system comprising:

a monitor loaned to a user and connected to a provider through a telecommunication line via a server;

a signal receiving unit for receiving video signals output to said monitor; and

a billing unit for integrating Internet use time through the telecommunication line or projection time for which the video signals are projected on said monitor through said signal receiving unit, and calculating a use charge based on a result of this integration,

wherein a user pays the use charge calculated by said billing unit and is thereby allowed to utilize the Internet through the telecommunication line and to at least view the video signals on said monitor.

2. An automated billing type information providing system according to claim 1, wherein the telecommunication line is composed of a LAN system.

3. An automated billing type information providing system according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said monitors are installed in individual homes, and said server for a plurality of homes is

provided outside the homes.

4. An automated billing type information providing system according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a plurality of said monitors are installed in a hospital ward, and said server is also installed in the ward.

5. An automated billing type information providing system according to any one of claim 1, said billing unit is installed together with said monitor on the user's side, and the use charges are paid by using a prepaid card.

6. An automated billing type information providing system according to any one of claim 1, wherein said billing unit is constructed so that the result of the integration are transmitted to said provider through the telecommunication line, and the user is billed for the use charges based on the results of the integration transmitted to said provider.

7. An automated billing type information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said provider is connected to a financial institution or a non-bank financial institution,

the data representing the use charges are transmitted to the financial institution or the non-bank financial institution, and

the use charges are automatically debited from the user's account.

8. An automated billing type information providing system according to any one of claim 1, wherein said billing unit is installed together with said monitor on the user's side, and the use charges are paid in-cash.